

## Khrushchev Says He Won't Make Any Reckless Decisions or Be Provoked

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Khrushchev, commenting on the U. S. arms blockade said today the Soviets will not make any decisions which would be reckless nor "be provoked by unwarranted actions of the United States."

"We will do everything in our power to prevent war from breaking out," he said in a message to the British philosopher, Bertrand Russell, who had sent Khrushchev a plea for Soviet efforts to avoid a nuclear war.

At the same time Khrushchev suggested a summit meeting. He expressed belief that a "meeting at the highest level would be useful to discuss all questions that have arisen and to eliminate the threat of nuclear war."

In Washington, there was no immediate reaction from the State Department, as officials hurriedly scanned news reports of Khrushchev's statement.

Privately, cautions were expressed against jumping to any immediate conclusions.

It was noted that one of the most important developments is still unknown—whether the Soviet ships steaming toward Cuba will get any orders not to try to break the blockade.

In the absence of clear indication of what kind of actions Khrushchev would undertake to follow through on his words, the possibility remained the statement from Moscow was Red propaganda designed to enlist support for whatever course Khrushchev might pursue.

(One source cautioned against any hasty conclusions based on the lack of an encounter between U.S. Navy blockaders and Soviet ships headed toward Cuba.)

While it is possible the Russian ships have been ordered to turn back, he said, there was a number of other possibilities — among them that the Russian ships had received orders to form a convoy or to await Soviet naval protection.

(Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California, assistant Republican leader, told a news conference Khrushchev's statement was not made on

a basis to which President Kennedy could make any reply.

"If Mr. Khrushchev wants to demonstrate that Russian protestations for peace are genuine, he has an opportunity to demonstrate it in other ways immediately," Kuchel said.)

Before the Cuban crisis arose President Kennedy said he would welcome talks with Khrushchev if the Soviet leader went to the United States for sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

Diplomatic sources in Washington suggested the initiative for possible summit talks had come mostly from Moscow.

There were reports in London today that Prime Minister Macmillan was considering a flight to Washington to confer with Kennedy.

Khrushchev coupled his apparent call for a summit conference with repeated calls for the United States to back off from its naval blockade of arms shipments to Cuba.

He warned that the situation could get out of control and a war might break out, adding:

"We fully realize that if war should break out that it would be a nuclear war from the very first hours. This is very clear to us. But evidently it is not clear to the government of the United States of America."

## Defense Dept. Releases Photographs of Soviet Missile Sites In Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department released today 14 aerial photographs of what it said were Soviet missile sites, bomber fields and patrol boats in Cuba.

The photographs were made public hours after some of the pictures had been released in London.

Some had been displayed by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara when he briefed newsmen on the Cuban crisis Monday night after President Kennedy announced an arms quarantine of Cuba.

There are three pictures of merchant ships which the Defense Department said were Soviet ships bound for Cuba carrying light jet bombers in crates visible on the decks.

One high-altitude shot the Pentagon describes as of a major airfield and notes in an enlarged portion a jet bomber almost assembled and 18 crates containing more of the IL-28 bombers.

In another, seven Soviet PT boats are pointed out moored near an airfield. The Pentagon said the boats are armed with guided missile launchers.

Among others were air photos of what the Pentagon described as an intermediate and medium-range missile base, surface-to-air missile sites, a missile assembly depot and MIG 21 jet fighters at a Cuban airfield.

## Castro Calls U.S. Arms Quarantine An Act of Piracy

HAVANA (AP)—Asserting he has the weapons to "repulse any aggression," Prime Minister Fidel Castro rejected any limit on Cuba's arms buildup last night and called the U.S. arms quarantine an act of piracy.

"Our arms are defensive," Castro declared as he defied a U.S. proposal for the United Nations to send in an inspection team to investigate President Kennedy's charge that Soviet missile bases are planted in Cuba.

Anyone trying to carry out an arms inspection in Cuba "better come ready for combat," the bearded revolutionary leader told the nation in a 90-minute television address.

Castro scoffed at Kennedy's warning in his speech Monday that the flow of Soviet arms to Cuba was a menace to the Western Hemisphere.

He ridiculed the Organization of American States for its solid support of the U.S. quarantine of Cuba. He called the organization's inter-American defense pact a scrap of paper only "valid for those following in the flock of imperialism."

Castro, who had mobilized Cuba's military forces right after Kennedy's blockade announcement, was 30 minutes late for his address.

President Osvaldo Dorticos, dressed in a militiaman's uniform, and other high government officials sat in the studio. An announcer said the Prime Minister was speaking "at a particularly delicate moment in the history of the world."

Castro emphasized he would tolerate no outside interference on the questions of arming Cuba and implied it was the United States that had forced him to arm.

"We will acquire the arms we feel like acquiring," Castro said, "and we don't have to give an accounting to the imperialists."

## Soviet Missile Installations In Cuba Caught U.S. Experts By Surprise

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Union's installation of nuclear missiles in Cuba caught U.S. experts by surprise and demolished, almost overnight, their carefully constructed estimate of Soviet strategy in the Western Hemisphere.

Until evidence of the introduction of atomic striking power became available to President Kennedy eight days ago, the belief of officials here had been that the Soviet Union intended to use Cuba only as a base for a political and guerrilla offensive against Latin America.

That strategy did not require nuclear weapons in the Caribbean island. It required only that Prime Minister Castro be armed defensively against any new limited

## Believe Soviet Vessels Have Altered Course

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department announced today some Soviet bloc vessels which had been moving toward Cuba "appear to have altered course."

"Other vessels are proceeding toward Cuba," a Pentagon spokesman said.

"No intercept has yet been necessary," he added.

The spokesman declined to expand on the terse announcement in any way.

His announcement came shortly after a Defense Department news conference had disclosed that no Russian ships to Cuba had been stopped. But that announcement left an air of mystery about whether some ships may have turned back.

Assistant secretary, Arthur Sylvester, in charge of Public Information, told questioners that "we have not stopped any" Russian ships in the quarantine which started at 9 a.m. EST today.

But he declined to comment on whether any ships had turned back, or whether there had been "contacts or intercepts" of Russian ships headed toward Cuba.

Asked why he declined comment on the question of intercepts, Sylvester said "I have been directed not to." He did not elaborate.

## FRANCE BACKS U.S. STAND

PARIS (AP)—France today expressed full support for the United States' position in Cuba.

In a communique after a cabinet meeting the government expressed its understanding of the American position in the face of "recent and growing installations of Soviet offensive armament in Cuba."

The cabinet statement said the reciprocal pledges of the North Atlantic Treaty are and remain the basis of French policy.

## Chinese Reds Make Sweeping Advances In India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Sweeping advances by Chinese Communist troops — ranging up to 37 miles — were admitted by the Indians today but they claimed heavy casualties were being inflicted on the invaders.

Prime Minister Nehru rejected overtures for cease-fire talks on Peiping's terms even though a spokesman acknowledged the military situation at points along the flaming frontier was "not very cheerful."

Falling back on several fronts, the Indians said they were taking a heavy toll among the Chinese but gave no figures. The Indians were believed also suffering big losses.

A government spokesman said at least 13 outposts in Ladakh were feared lost. No word has been received from the Indian garrison in the Galwan Valley of Ladakh region since the Chinese launched their offensive last Saturday, and 12 other places are known to have fallen.

In the face of these reverses, the Nehru government rejected the Chinese proposal for a cease-fire under which each side would pull back troops 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) from their present battle positions.

"Advancing 40 to 60 kilometers (25 to 37½ miles) by blatant military aggression, and offering to withdraw 20 kilometers provided both sides do this, is a deceptive device which can fool nobody," an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Other high Indian officials said a Peiping proposal for a summit meeting between Nehru and Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai to settle the dispute along the 1,400 mile Himalayan border was "pure hypocrisy."

## Tax Relief for Persons with Heavy Medical Expenses

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy has signed a bill to ease taxes for persons with unusually heavy medical expenses and to encourage private pension plans to add medical benefits.

The bill retains the present basic limitation which permits tax deductions for medical expenses of only those expenses in excess of 3 per cent of income.

It raises some over-all ceilings now in effect. For single persons, it sets a deduction limit of \$10,000 instead of \$5,000. For married couples, the deduction ceiling is raised to \$20,000, and the deduction for dependents is increased to \$5,000.

Disabled persons over 65 are allowed deductions of \$20,000 instead of \$15,000 for single persons, and \$40,000 instead of \$30,000 for married couples.

The new law permits combined administration of private pension and medical plans for retired employees. The old law required that medical plans be administered separately.

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